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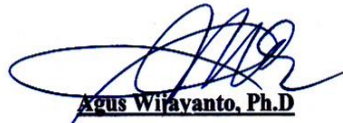
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### **Abstract**

This research was descriptive qualitative study concerning with swear words. The data of this research were the utterance contain swear words in *Deadpool* movie script. The writers found five types of swear words in *Deadpool* movie, those are sex term, body part term, excretion term, death term, and animal term. The findings show that sex term was the dominant type because this type was mostly used by the characters in *Deadpool* movie.

The writer also classify the category of swear words based on the context of the conversation and monologue found in *Deadpool* movie. The findings of this research show that there were seven categories of swear words used by the characters in *Deadpool* movie, such as intensifier category, exclamation of annoyance category, an insult category, exclamation of surprised category, rejection category, surprised question category, and the last is intensifier of unconcern category. The intention of using swear words by the characters that found in *Deadpool* movie showed that the characters in *Deadpool* movie used swear words not always to swear, but to express their other emotion and feeling in different situation.

**Key Words:** *deadpool* movie, the use of swear word, sociopragmatic

### **Abstrak**

Penelitian ini adalah penelitian deskriptif kualitatif mengenai kata-kata umpatan. Data pada penelitian ini adalah tuturan yang mengandung kata-kata umpatan pada naskah film *Deadpool*. Peneliti menemukan lima tipe dari kata-kata umpatan pada film *Deadpool*, antara lain *sex term*, *body part term*, *excretion term*, *death term*, dan *animal term*. Hasil penemuan menunjukkan bahwa tipe yang mendominasi adalah *sex term* karena kebanyakan karakter pada film *Deadpool* menggunakan tipe tersebut.

Peneliti juga mengklasifikasikan kategori dari kata-kata umpatan berdasarkan konteks pada percakapan dan monolog yang terdapat pada film *Deadpool*. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa terdapat tujuh kategori dari kata-kata umpatan yang digunakan oleh para tokoh seperti *emotion intensifier*, *exclamation of annoyance*, *insult*, *exclamation of surprised*, *rejection*, *surprised question*, dan yang terakhir yaitu *intensifier of unconcern*. Maksud dari penggunaan kata-kata umpatan oleh karakter yang ditemukan pada film *Deadpool* menunjukkan bahwa tokoh-tokoh pada film *Deadpool* menggunakan kata umpatan tidak hanya untuk mengumpat melainkan untuk menunjukkan emosi serta perasaan para tokoh pada situasi yang berbeda.

**Kata Kunci:** film *deadpool*, penggunaan kata umpatan, sosiopragmatik

## 1. INTRODUCTION

People use language for a variety of formal and informal purposes and specific grammatical structures and vocabulary are often used with each language function. According to Savignon (1983), “the use to which language is put, the purpose of an utterance rather than the particular grammatical form an utterance takes”. The examples of language function are informative, interrogative, performative, directive, emotive, expressive, phatic, and recreational. When people say “I am sorry” it represents the function of apologizing and when we say “Good Afternoon!” it represents the function of greeting. Expressive function is the use of language to reveal something about the feeling and attitudes of the speaker. For example, the speakers express their emotional through exclamation or swearing. People express their feeling in many ways, one of them is by swearing.

People swear because they want to express themselves and it is an expressive act. When people feel stressed, confused, angry, sad, they use swear words to express their feeling. Knowing English swear words means that people get new English non-formal vocabulary, so they can use it in the right place and situation. According to (Heins, 2007; McEnery 2006), “swear words are sanctioned or restricted on both institutional and individual levels under the assumption that some harm will occur is a swear word is spoken”. The exact nature of harm to befall the speaker, listener, or society has never been entirely clear. “Swear words are also useful and effective ways of conveying that you feel very strongly about something or of inciting strong feelings in someone else, even when used outside of their traditional emotions” (Jay, 2009a; Pinker, 2007). Reasons for using or not using swear words depend on the conversational goals of the speaker. Jay (2009a) stated that “swearing is like using a horn on your car, which can be used to signify a number of emotions (e.g., anger, frustration, joy, surprise)”. Swearing occurs

when the people experience a strong emotion or when they want to accomplish certain goals through swearing.

Swear words also used in movie by the characters. The writer is interested to analyze swear words in the movie because swear words are a part of English language that is popularly used in the world of media such as movies and music. Swear words in English often used by people in their daily life such as “fuck” and “shit” to convey their emotion of anger. The writer chose *Deadpool* movie, because it has an out of the box idea in super hero’s story and different perspective concept of super hero.

There have been other studies which is investigated swear words. Aditia (2011) observed about taboo word and swear word in Dustin Lee Abraham’s *How High* Movie. This study shows that there are four types of taboo word: lavatory, private parts of body, religion and sexual activity. Wulandari (2012) investigated about a sociolinguistic analysis of swearing in *From Paris with Love* movie. This research found the type of swearing in this movie and categorized them into 4 (four). The first type is expletive swearing, the second is abusive swearing, the third is humorous swearing and the last is auxiliary swearing. The finding shows that abusive swearing is dominant type because swearing is mostly need to abuse someone else. On the other hand, Aji (2014) conducted the research about the use of swear word in *Four Brother* movie. This study shows that there are seven kinds of swear word, those are sex term, excretion term, body function, death term, mother in law term, animal term, and the last is religious matter. Also six reason of swearing those are pain relief, power and control, humor, non-violent retribution, self-expression, and peer and social bonding. The similarity with this study is on analyzing swear words in the movie.

This study intended to extend previous work. It attempted to answer the following questions; what are the types and categories of swear words used by the character in *Deadpool* movie? And what are the intentions of using swear words by the character in *Deadpool* movie?.

## **2. RESEARCH METHOD**

The type of this research is descriptive qualitative research. The object of this research is utterance of the characters in *deadpool* movie which contains swear words. The data were collected by using documentary method and analyzed the type of swear word using Wardaugh's theory (1986), the category of swear words using Swan's theory (2005), and then the intention of swear words by using Searle's theory (1969) and it was supported by using Hymes's theory (1974).

## **3. FINDING AND DISCUSSION**

Based on the data analysis, the writer had found 50 data consist of conversations and monologues in *Deadpool* movie which contained swear words were used by the characters. The findings show that there are five types of swear words, seven categories of swear words and many intention of using swear words are found in *Deadpool* movie. Example of each types, category, and intention of swear words are explained in the following section:

(00:05:54,356 - 00:06:00,360)

Deadpool : Oh **Shit!** I forgot my ammo bag.

Dopinder : Shall we turn back?

Deadpool : No, no time.

According to Swan (2005), the category of swear word on the conversation was exclamation of annoyance. Deadpool suddenly remembered that he forgot to bring his ammo bag. Spontaneously, he said "Oh, Shit!" with a little emphasis. It means that he felt annoyed for forgetting to bring his bag which should not be left



behind. He said shit not for others but for himself because he was careless. Based on the context of the utterance as described above the intention of Deadpool's utterance was to express annoyance because he felt annoyed suddenly remembering his bag was left behind.

Based on the explanation above, it can be concluded that the type of the swear word on that conversation in Deadpool movie is excretion term and the category of the swear word according to the context of the utterance is exclamation of annoyance. Based on the context of conversation above, the intention of saying the utterance is to express annoyance.

(00:38:28,841 - 00:38:56,233)

Colossus : Join us. Use your powers for good. Be a superhero.

Deadpool : Listen! The day I decide to become a crime-fighting shit-swizzler who rooms with a bunch of other little whiners at the Neverland mansion of some creepy, old, bald, Heaven's Gate-looking motherfucker, on that day I'll send your shiny, happy as a friend request. But until then, I'mma do what I came here to do. Either that or slap the **bitch** outta you!

Colossus : Wade!

According to Swan (2005), the category of the swear word on the Deadpool's utterance was an emotion intensifier. Deadpool felt really angry at that time, because when he was ready to kill Francis, Colossus came there and said to Deadpool to stop his action and to become a super hero. It made him angry and the word bitch he said is addressed to Colossus as an expression of his emotions. Based on the context of the utterance as described above the intention of Deadpool utterance was to express anger. He was angry because Colossus ruined his plan and force him to be super hero where it was something he did not want.

Based on the explanation above, it can be concluded that the type of the swear word on that conversation in Deadpool movie is animal term, and the category of the swear word according to the context of the utterance is an emotion intensifier. The intention of saying the utterance is to express anger.

(01:31:42,165 - 01:32:05,787)

Deadpool : Don't worry. I'm totally on top of this. Ah! **Damn** it!  
Maximum effort!

According to Swan (2005), the category of damn in Deadpool utterance was exclamation of annoyance. Deadpool said damn it!, because he did not want the bad things happen, he did not want to be in the dangerous position. He should pull the glass tube to save Vanessa's life. So, he said damn it! to show his annoyance and his frustration in the situation. Based on the context of the utterance as described above the intention of Deadpool utterance was to express frustration. Deadpool was in a dangerous situation, he has a responsibility to rescue his girlfriend at that time. With all his power and strength, he tried to pull the glass tube so it can fall down. He felt very frustration so he said damn it! at that time.

Based on the explanation above, it can be concluded that the type of the swear word on that conversation in Deadpool movie is death term, and the category of the swear word according to the context of the utterance is an exclamation of annoyance. Based on the context of the utterance, the intention of saying the utterance is to express frustration.

(01:17:18,302 - 01:17:30,545)

Vanessa : I've been trying to tell you **assholes**, you've got the wrong girl. My old boyfriend, he's dead.

Francis : See, I thought that too, but he keeps on coming back. Like a cockroach but uglier.

According to Swan (2005), the category of swear word in the Vanessa's utterance on the conversation was an insult. Vanessa said asshole to Francis because he was a bad guy and with her emotions she insulted him by saying asshole. Based on the context of the utterance as described above the intention of Vanessa's utterance was to show her dislike to Francis. She called him asshole because she hated him so much and for her that was an accurate description for bad guy like Francis.

Based on the explanation above, it can be concluded that the type of the swear word in Vanessa's utterance in Deadpool movie is body part term, and the category of the swear word according to the context of the utterance is an insult. Based on the context of the conversation above, the intention of saying the utterance is to show dislike.

(00:14:28,436 - 00:14:38,244)

Mr. Merchant : I didn't order the pizza.

Jeremy : Is this 7348 Red Ledge Drive? Are you Mr. Merchant?

Mr Merchant : Yeah, the Mr. Merchant who didn't order the **fucking** pie!

According to Swan (2005), the category of the swear word in the Mr. Merchant's utterance on the conversation above was an exclamation of annoyance. He felt annoyance because he did not order the pizza but Jeremy as the pizza delivery did not believe him. So he said fucking pie to express his annoyance. Based on the context of the utterance as described above the intention of Mr. Merchant's utterance was to show annoyance. At the time, he was annoyed because suddenly there was a pizza delivery came to his home, and he did not order. He was more annoyed when Jeremy as pizza delivery asked for his name and address. He did

not order but why the name and address were correct. Then, he expressed his annoyance by saying fucking pie.

Based on the explanation above, it can be concluded that the type of the swear word on that conversation in Deadpool movie is sex term, and the category of the swear word according to the context of the utterance is an exclamation of annoyance. Based on the context of the conversation above, the intention of saying the utterance is to show annoyance.

Table 1. Percentage amount tables of types of swear sword.

<b>TYPES OF SWEAR WORDS</b>	<b>WORDS</b>	<b>QUANTITY</b>	<b>%</b>
Excretion Term	Shit	9	22%
	Bullshit	2	
Animal Term	Bitch	1	2%
Death Term	Hell	1	4%
	Damn	1	
Body Part Term	Asshole	3	24%
	Ass	2	
	Cock	3	
	Dick	3	
	Penis	1	
Sex Term	Fucking	13	48%
	Fuck	7	
	Motherfucker	4	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>50</b>	<b>100%</b>

According to Wardhaugh (1986), there are six types of swear words based on the meaning, those are animal term, death term, excretion term, body function term, religious matter term, and sex term. The writer has found five types of swear word which used by the characters in Deadpool movie, i.e. animal term, excretion term, death term, body part term, and sex term. So, it can be concluded that almost of the types of swear word according to Wardaugh's theory has found in Deadpool movie, except religious matter term that is not found in this movie.

Besides classifying the type of swear words, the writer also classify the category of swear words in *Deadpool* movie. The writer uses Swan's theory (2005) to classify the category of swear word. According to Swan (2005), there are eight categories of swear words, those are exclamation of annoyance, exclamation of surprised, exclamation of unconcern, insult, insulting go away, emotion intensifier, surprised question, and rejection. In this study the writer find seven categories of swear word, those are emotion intensifier, exclamation of annoyance, insult, exclamation of surprised, rejection, surprised question, and intensifier of unconcern. From the explanation above we can know that almost swear words that found in *Deadpool* movie have the category appropriate with Swan's theory.

Table 2. Percentage amount tables of categories of swear word.

CATEGORY OF SWEAR WORD	QUANTITY	%
Emotion Intensifier	21	42%
Exclamation of Annoyance	14	28%
Insult	7	14%
Exclamation of Surprised	5	10%
Rejection	1	2%
Surprised Question	1	2%
Intensifier of Unconcern	1	2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>100%</b>

Based on the context of conversation and monologue in *Deadpool* movie, the intention of using swear words are to inform (*shit*), to express anger (*shit, bullshit, bitch, asshole, cock, dick, fucking, fuck, motherfucker*), to show annoyance (*shit, fucking, fuck, motherfucker*), to show exasperation (*fucking*), to show satisfaction (*fucking, fuck*), to show the feeling of panic (*fucking*), to show sense of fear (*shit*), to sneer (*ass*), to show surprised (*hell, fucking*), to show resentment (*shit, cock*), to show dislike (*shit, bullshit, asshole, dick, fucking*), to show upset (*dick, fucking, motherfucker*), to show aggravation (*fucking, motherfucker*), to show frustration (*damn*), to show

furious (*fucking*), to express shock (*shit, ass, motherfucker*), to show regret (*shit*) and to make a joke (*penis, fucking*).

#### 4. CONCLUSION

After analyzing the data, the writers found five types of swear words in *Deadpool* movie. Sex term is the type that is mostly used by the characters in *Deadpool* movie. Second is body part term. Third is excretion term. Fourth is death term, and the rare type used by the characters in *Deadpool* movie is animal term. The writer also classify the category of swear words based on the context of the conversation and monologue found in *Deadpool* movie. Emotion intensifier category is mostly used by the characters in *Deadpool* movie. Second is exclamation of annoyance category. Third is insult category. Fourth is exclamation of surprised category. Rejection category, surprised question category, and intensifier of unconcern category are the category that is rarely used by the characters in *Deadpool* movie based on different context and situation.

Based on the context of conversation and monologue in *Deadpool* movie, the intention of using swear words are to inform, to express anger, to show annoyance, to show exasperation, to show satisfaction, to show the feeling of panic, to show sense of fear, to sneer, to show surprised, to show resentment, to show dislike, to show upset, to show aggravation, to show frustration, and to make a joke.

From this study is showed that the characters in *Deadpool* movie used swear words not always to swear, but to express their other emotion and feeling in different situation. Almost the types of swear words from Wardhaugh's theory is used in the utterance of the characters in *Deadpool* movie. Almost the category of swear words from Swan's theory is used in this movie. Using the theory from Searle make the writer easily to identify the intention of using swear words become more varied and specific.

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